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## **MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 23, 2023 - Library**

**6:00 p.m.**

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Wes Skorski, BOE Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

BOE Members Present: Wes Skorski, Ruth Kelly, Louise Concodello, Susan Stolfi, Patrick Pabouet, Angela Colantonio, Kerri Barella and Anna Holden.

Administration Present: Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent  
Dan White, Principal  
Kim Kelley, Assistant Principal

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Celebrations:**

Kim Kelley presented a video of school happenings over the last month.  
Dr. Holly Hageman highlighted Joseph Dooley's Fifty Year Anniversary Assembly.

#### **4. Public Comments:** None

#### **5. Additions to the Agenda:** Kerri Barella asked to add Anna Holden's report regarding HB5003 to the agenda. Wes Skorski suggested adding the item under 7.3, Chairperson's Report.

#### **6. Consent Agenda**

- 6.1 Minutes of 01/26/23 regular business meeting (Encl. 6.1A) and 02/09/23 special meeting (Encl. 6.1B);
- 6.2 Personnel Actions – none;
- 6.3 Reports – receive and file the following document: monthly enrollment report (Encl. 6.3);
- 6.4 Grants – none;

**L. Concodello made a motion that the Board approve Consent Agenda items 6.1 - 6.4., seconded by R. Kelly. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **7. Oral Reports:**

##### **7.1 Advisory Groups**

- Dan White stated that the PTO, SAC and Operations committees have not met since the last BOE meeting, therefore nothing to report.
- Louise Concodello reported that the BOF had a meeting on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> where the BOE presented the Operating and Capital Plan Budgets. The BOF also had a meeting on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> with the BOS presenting their budget.

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- Kerri Barella reported AHM is hosting the Welcome 2 Reality, Support for Parents & Caregivers presentation on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated AHM is reviewing recent survey results and they are working on an action plan based on the results. Kerri also mentioned that AHM will be holding their fourth annual Tip a Musician Fundraiser at The Flour Girl Café.

**7.2 Subcommittees**

- Louise Concodello reported no meeting this month.

**7.2 Chairperson**

- Anna Holden stated she attended the Legislative Forum regarding HB5003 and reviewed with the Board what was discussed.

**7.4 Superintendent and Administrative Team**

- ***Update on Literacy Program: Bookworms and Waiver*** – Dr. Holly Hageman prefaced the presentation by pointing out a few details in the CSDE Right To Read Legislation and why MES decided to submit the Waiver of Approved Reading Curriculum. Kim Kelly presented on the MES K-3 Literacy Program stating the Literacy Committee selected Bookworms as the knowledge-building component of the MES K-3 Reading Program.

**8. Unfinished Business:** None

**9. New Business:**

- 9.1 **Review February Financial Report** – Dr. Holly Hageman reported there has not been a major financial change since last month. MES is running at a projected surplus of \$45,956.78.

9.2 **Town of Marlborough Sustainable CT Certification - BOE participation**

**in the Town Equity Statement.** Dr. Holly Hageman reported the Town is pursuing voluntary Sustainable CT Certification which allows the Town to be eligible for certain competitive grants. Dr. Hageman conveyed that one of the requirements is that the Town develop a Town Equity Statement. Peter Hughes asked the BOE, since it is a significant town entity, if the BOE would like to participate in providing a statement for inclusion in the Town's statement. Dr. Hageman also stated the BOE will need to consider what statement to provide. Dr. Hageman read her proposed statement: *At Marlborough Elementary School, our aim is to provide an educational experience that affords every student with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to think critically, communicate effectively, and contribute productively while demonstrating respect for and kindness towards one another. Educational equity benefits all students and our entire community. Therefore, all children and adults within the Marlborough Public Schools are provided with equitable access to high quality curriculum, instruction, support, and other educational resources so that each can achieve academic, social, and emotional success regardless of race, ethnicity, language or other characteristics of their identity.*

**S. Stolfi made a motion that the Board opts to provide a statement for inclusion in the Town's Equity Statement. Second by L. Conciodello. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.**

**S. Stolfi made a motion that the Board approves the statement as presented by the Superintendent. Second by L. Conciodello.**

Discussion: An alternative statement was suggested by Anna Holden: *At MES we believe in every one of our student's potential for greatness and will provide an equitable educational experience full of opportunities for each student to develop mentally, physically, and intellectually, regardless of race, ethnicity, ability,*

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*gender identity/expression, religion, language, culture, socioeconomic status, age, or nationality. In this pursuit, we want to be clear that we welcome and value diversity, in all its forms. We realize that words are incredibly important when reaching this ideal, but are not enough in and of themselves; we must show with our actions that we welcome, value, appreciate, and actively seek the participation, ideas, and feedback of everyone involved in our mission: students, staff, parents/guardians, community members, and others. We (are not very diverse, but) recognize that diversity is incredibly important and will work toward becoming a more diverse and inclusive organization.*

**W. Skorski, R. Kelly, L. Concodello, S. Stolfi, P. Pabouet, A. Colantonio and K. Barella voted in favor of the proposed statement as presented by the Superintendent. MOTION CARRIED**

**10. Public Comments:** None

**11. Communications:** Staff Vacancy Summary. Dr. Hageman stated that the school has 1.5 paraeducator positions to hire. Service hours for children are being met.

**12. Future Meetings & Topics**

- BOF budget meeting analysis and discussion, Thursday, March 16, 2023, 7:00p.m.
- Policy subcommittee meeting, Thursday, March 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
- Next regular business meeting, Thursday, March 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

**13. Adjournment:**

**R. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Seconded by A. Colantonio. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmela Monte  
Board Clerk